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LB 1105, 992

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. LB 992.

CLERK: (Read title.) It was read on January 12 of this year, referred to Urban Affairs, advanced to General File. I have no amendments to the bill.

PRESIDENT: Chair recognizes Senator Hannibal.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the Legislature. LB 992 was a bill that was brought to me, and I presented in behalf of the City of Omaha. It is a fairly simple bill. You have a handout. I believe it's on your desk...it's being brought out to your desk right now. Basically it accomplishes two things. The first section deals only with the City of Omaha, and deals with a sidewalk law that was passed by the Legislature some years ago, was found unconstitutional, and LB 992 is striking the unconstitutional parts of our existing state statutes requiring that city sidewalks be built along all major streets, or unmajor streets for that matter. The other part of the first section deals with...it removes the requirement that we have sidewalks built on both sides of every major thoroughfare, but rather it gives the City of Omaha Public Works Department and the City Council, the mayor, the ability to choose which areas would not be...there would be no need for any public sidewalks at all. Those areas would be along major arteries that run where there is no pedestrian traffic. The second section, however, does deal with more than just the City of Omaha. It talks about special assessment financing for repairing of driveway approach...

PRESIDENT: Senator Hannibal, just a minute please. (Gavel) I think the huddle right in front of the Speaker is a little bit distracting, please.

SENATOR HANNIBAL: Thank you, Mr. President. It isn't distracting to me because I think the bill is very noncontroversial. I don't want to take any more time than I have to. I'm trying to briefly just explain the bill. I'd probably be better off to just ask if there were any questions. I'd be happy to try to answer those. I will go